

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

November 12, 2009

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), Michael Kelly (W2), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Amy Valentine (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

Absent: None

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on November 5, 2009 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Valentine

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending November 11, 2009 in the amount of \$ 239,603.64 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of November 5 – November 11, 2009
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from August 24, 2009 – November 9, 2009
- Animal Control Report from the Police Department from September to October 2009
- Statement from the City Clerk's Office of all monies received during the month of October 2009 in the total amount of \$12,644.95

RESOLVED: That the reports as read are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Valentine

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills approved by the Auditing Committee of the Common Council in the amount of \$ 2,478,521.21 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL:

Ed Champagne 86 Court Street disagreed with a request from AFSCME Union President Denise Nephew asking that the Council reinstate the Parking Meter Attendant position and he thinks the City should not reinstate the position.

Chad Chase 18 Cornelia St asked the Council to approve an increase to the Library's Budget.

Lori Hazelton read and submitted information on the organization she represents called "Together We Can Change The World."

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the request from Community Development Loan Review Committee to approve a \$50,000 Economic Development Revolving loan to Elizabeth and Billie Pearl (Pearl Physical Therapy, PC, 70 Court Street).

By Councilor Carpenter; Second by Councilor Valentine

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves request from the City Chamberlain to establish capital project H8130.54, WPCP Headwork's Improvements, at an estimated cost of \$1,500,000 to be funded from the Sewer Capital Reserve.

By Councilor Jackson; Second by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the request from the City Chamberlain to establish capital project H8130.55, WPCP CAPS CSO Control, at an estimated cost of \$500,000 to be funded from the Sewer Capital Reserve

By Councilor Jackson; Second by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

D. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the request from the City Chamberlain to establish capital project H8130.56, WPCP CSO-LTCP Implementation, at an estimated cost of \$500,000 to be funded from the Sewer Capital Reserve.

By Councilor Rabideau; Second by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

E. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the request from Bill Treacy, MLD to award the Bid No. 2009-10-1 Sale of Salvaged & Scrap Metals to Environmental Resources for \$1.41 per pound of scrap copper and \$0.31 per pound of scrap aluminum.

By Councilor Kelly; Second by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

F. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Health Insurance Plan: Approval of self funded health insurance plan rates and the stop loss deductible coverage for the health plan year beginning 12/01/2009 through 12/31/2010 a 13 month plan year; approval of change in health plan year to beginning date of January 1, 2011.

By Councilor Calnon; Second by Councilor Valentine

Discussion: **Councilor Rabideau** asked if this was the City Chamberlain's recommendation and was told yes.

Councilor Calnon it is the \$80,000 stop loss renewal/cost analysis.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:

1. The Regular Common Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 26, 2009 will be changed due to Thanksgiving Holiday to Tuesday, November 24, 2009 beginning at 5:30 pm. The work session will begin at 5 pm.
2. Request from Councilor Calnon to notify the New York State Department of Health, and any other Agency with jurisdiction, of its intent to cease fluoridation of our public drinking water.
3. Request from Councilor Valentine to approve the immediate cessation of fluoridation of the city's water supply.
4. Request from Councilor Calnon to adopt a policy regarding the self-funded portions of the City's Health Insurance Benefits.
5. Request from Police Chief Desmond Racicot for Captain Michael Branch to attend the "Drug Enforcement Administration's Drug Unit Commander's Academy (D.U.C.A)" in Quantico, VA from December 1-10, 2009 at a cost not to exceed \$240 which will be paid out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund.
6. Request from Police Chief Desmond Racicot for Detective Steven Dube to attend the "Eastern Regional coordination Group Meeting, Project North Star in Albany, NY from November 23-24, 2009 at a cost not to exceed \$148 which will be paid out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Kelly has heard from the North Country Cultural Center for the Arts about the tree lighting and they said they will need the lights on by December 1, 2009. Beth will contact Bill Treacy at MLD.

Councilor Rabideau asked if we are going to discuss Catherine Gardens project and if it should be in Executive session. **Corporation Counsel John Clute** said it is up to Mayor or Council to bring up for discussion. **Mayor Kasprzak** asked if there is a real need to bring this up in the next two weeks. **Corporation Counsel John Clute** said he is sure the Hezel's are eager for a decision to be made one way or the other. **Mayor Kasprzak** said to put Catherine Gardens on for "Initial" November 19, 2009 and vote on it November 24, 2009 and we can get information from Community Development Office. **Councilor Calnon** said the discussion needs to be done in Open session not Executive session. **Councilor Jackson** asked if we ever got answers to questions they had. **Corporation**

Counsel John Clute he got questions from **Councilor Calnon** and he answered those questions.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:51 pm